

The CASE of the Free-men and Free-holders of  
the City of *Bristol*, concerning their Election of  
Citizens to represent them in this present Parlia-  
ment :

*Humbly Offered to the Consideration of the Honourable  
the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses in Parliament  
Assembled.*

**H**IS Majesties Writs being Issued for Calling this present Parlia-  
ment, one was directed to the Sheriff of *Bristol*, requiring  
that City to proceed to Elect Two Citizens to serve for that  
City.

1 Sept. 1679, Was the day of the Election, when there stood in Competition for the  
said City,

Sir *Robert Cann*.  
Sir *John Knight*.  
Sir *Robert Teomans*.  
Mr. *Robert Henly*, Merchant.

The Poll was demanded, granted, and duly taken by persons appointed  
thereto, by consent of all the Competitors.

9 Sept. 1679, The Poll by Proclamation was closed, and the Books cast up by four seve-  
ral persons, by agreement of all the Competitors, except Mr. *Henly*, who  
refused to appear, though sent for, yielding that he had lost the Election.  
By the Poll-Books, when cast up, it appeared

Sir <i>Robert Cann</i> had	— 1157	} Voices.
Sir <i>John Knight</i>	— 1152	
Sir <i>Robert Teomans</i>	— 1084	
<i>M. Henly</i>	— 0870	

Whereupon the Sheriffs Proclaimed Sir *Robert Cann* and Sir *John Knight*  
duly Elected, and sealed their Indenture, and accordingly were returned,  
and sate in this Honourable House.

Sir *Robert Teomans*, who had 200 Votes more then Mr. *Henly*, acquiesced  
therein.

Mr. *Henly* Petitioned this Honourable House against Sir *Robert Cann*.

Sir *Robert*, since the Petition exhibited, is for Misdemeanor removed  
out of the House.

The Free-men and Free-holders of *Bristol* thereupon have humbly  
Petitioned to be heard, and that Mr. *Henly* may not be admitted to sit,  
but that a new Writ may Issue for Electing a new Citizen in the room of  
Sir *Robert Cann*.

10 Dec. 1680, Is the day appointed for Hearing upon Mr. *Henly's* Petition.